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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2002, please enter the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 33, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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The current invention is directed to a DNA sequence encoding urocortin II. This sequence may be an isolated and purified DNA that encodes an urocortin II. Alternatively, it may be an